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In re Application of:

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For: **ACTIVE INGREDIENT MATRIX IN THE FORM OF A BIOLOGICALLY
RESORBABLE, POROUS NONWOVEN, METHOD FOR ITS MANUFACTURE
AND USE THEREOF**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examining on the merits and calculating the filing fee for the national phase application filed herewith, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel the claims 1-21 from the translated annexed sheets to the International Preliminary Examination Report of the captioned application and enter the newly submitted set of claims as attached (Attachment A) with this preliminary amendment.

REMARKS

The above amendments have been made to remove multiple dependencies from the claims and to conform them to U.S. practice. No new matter has been added. Pursuant to the new rules implementing the AIPA, a clean copy of the new claims is attached per Attachment A.

Respectfully submitted,

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